

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

*Please replace the abstract on page 9 with the following:*

A pedal apparatus of a vehicle comprises a supporting bracket fixed to a dash panel of the vehicle, a pedal arm pivotally connected to the supporting bracket, and a lever hooked to the pedal arm and applying a predetermined torque to the pedal arm, wherein the lever is struck by a striking portion under deformation by a front impact of the vehicle causing the pedal arm to rotate in a direction of the front of the vehicle by torque transferred from the lever.

*Please replace Paragraph [0021] with the following:*

[0021] The lever 7 has a third pin 10 through which it is pivotally connected to the supporting bracket 14. It has a hook portion 7a at one end and an impact portion 7b at the other end. The hook portion 7a of the lever 7 hooks the second pin 5, and the impact portion 7b, with a general oval shape, backwardly protrudes through a slot 14a formed in the supporting bracket 14.

*Please replace Paragraph [0022] with the following:*

[0022] With reference to FIG. 2 and FIG. 3, a striking portion 21 is disposed to be opposite to the impact portion 7b of the lever 7. The striking portion 21 is defined as an additional structure formed on the dash panel or a mounting plate for a steering wheel.

*Please replace Paragraph [0024] with the following:*

[0024] Accordingly, the hook portion 7a of the lever rotates about the third pin 10 in a direction of the rear of the vehicle such that the second pin 5 hooked by the hook portion 7a is also pulled in a direction of the rear of the vehicle, causing the end of the pedal arm 2 protruding to the leg area of the vehicle to rotate about the first pin 4 in a direction of the front of the vehicle.